

Assembly Bill No. 1481

CHAPTER 511

An act to amend Section 12209.6 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to parking meters.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1481, Granlund. Parking meters.

(1) Existing law authorizes county sealers to certify the accuracy of all parking meters located in the county in which the sealer has jurisdiction, including parking meters owned or operated by a city, county, or city and county, and if the sealer determines that a specific meter is inaccurate, requires the sealer to notify the owner or operator. Existing law also authorizes the sealer to close the meter if it is not repaired or replaced within 30 days of this notification, in which case any person may park a vehicle there free of charge until the owner or operator replaces or repairs the meter.

This bill would delete the 30-day notification period and authorize sealers to immediately close inaccurate meters.

(2) This bill would also state specified findings and declarations of the Legislature regarding parking meter agencies and operators.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares the following:

(a) Parking meter agencies and operators are encouraged to provide consumers with maximum value for payment made for parking space rental, and accuracy in time measurement is an important component of providing this value.

(b) Parking meter agencies and operators should take advantage of new technology, and are encouraged to enter into public-private partnerships for the acquisition, installation, and maintenance of parking control systems currently available in the marketplace.

SEC. 2. Section 12209.6 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

12209.6. (a) A county sealer may test and certify the accuracy of all parking meters located in the county in which the sealer has jurisdiction, including, but not limited to, parking meters owned or operated by a city, county, or a city and county.

(b) If the county sealer determines that a specific parking meter is inaccurate, the sealer shall notify the owner or operator of the meter, may immediately close the meter, and any person may park

a vehicle free of charge in the parking space to which the inaccurate meter corresponds until the owner or operator replaces or repairs the inaccurate parking meter.

(c) For purposes of this section, an “inaccurate parking meter” means a parking meter that provides less time than is paid for by a person using the metered parking space.

